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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others, at whatever cost.”
~ *Arthur Ashe*

Friday, May 30, 2008

South Bend Community Re-entry Center's Celebrate Recovery Program sponsored by the Granger Community Church held a Memorial Day Cookout for all offenders. During this event, Celebrate Recovery volunteers issued eleven certificates for graduates of the Celebrate Recovery addiction program.

The Inmate 2 Workmate Phase II graduates at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility will be presenting their first official Fresh Favorites Café. This café is open for orders to staff and offenders.

Putnamville Correctional Facility recently held its second PLUS graduation. 69 PLUS graduates listened attentively as the keynote speaker, Chief Communications Officer Doug Garrison, addressed them.

Pendleton Correctional Facility, in conjunction with Volunteers of America and Bike Garage Indy, donated a bike to a man referred to them through Centered Around Christ in Indianapolis. The man had recently had his bike stolen.

The PLUS Program at the Correctional Industrial Facility is making a \$500 contribution to the Minority Health Coalition and a \$500 contribution to the Operation Love food pantry. Both are located in Anderson, Indiana.

Westville Correctional Facility took part in the first Corporate Challenge Competition conducted by the La Porte YMCA. Staff teams participated in golf, volleyball, bowling, euchre, a three-point shootout, poker tournament, and obstacle course. Overall, WCC placed fourth in the final standings among nine corporate teams, supporting the principles of INShape Indiana.

Pendleton Correctional Facility announced a program in partnership with the education department that would allow offenders graduating from college with a Bachelor's Degree to tutor offenders wanting to enter college classes or continue their education to gain a Bachelor's Degree.

Indiana Women's Prison recently held a Volunteer Recognition Program. The Recognition Program acknowledged and honored the volunteers who give of themselves to support the Indiana Women's Prison by providing hope and guidance to an offender's successful return to the community.

Correctional Industrial Facility is planning an upcoming Christmas Behind Bars event. Every offender at CIF will have a chance to hear a Christmas program and receive a Christmas present.

Ball State University had a graduation at the Indiana State Prison. 84 offenders received Bachelor's or Associate's Degrees, and 102 offenders made the Dean's List.

Branchville Correctional Facility held its first graduation ceremony for the GRIP Therapeutic Community. 79 offenders completed the intensive substance abuse treatment program. 33 of the offenders' family members were present to show their support and to gain knowledge on what needs to be done to ensure a successful re-entry.

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility celebrated its 4th Annual PLUS Unit graduation in which 17 students received their certificates of completion for the sixteen-week character and religious-based program. Deputy Mayor of Indianapolis Olgen Williams and Dr. Stephen Hall were the keynote speakers.